

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) An apparatus for continuously preparing a silicon oxide powder, comprising

a charge feed means for feeding a raw material powder mixture containing silicon dioxide powder of a reaction chamber,

the reaction chamber where the raw material powder mixture is reacted to produce a silicon oxide gas,

a transfer line for transferring the silicon oxide gas from the reaction chamber to a deposition chamber,

the deposition chamber in which a substrate is disposed and cooled so that silicon oxide deposits on a surface of the cooled substrate, and

a recovery means for recovering the silicon oxide deposit on the substrate.

4. (New) An apparatus comprising a feed mechanism capable of feeding a powder feed to a reaction furnace which is equipped with a heater, a conduit from the reaction furnace to a deposition tank, said deposition tank containing a substrate equipped with a cooling mechanism and a product removal mechanism, which removes product deposited on the substrate.

5. (New) An apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a recovery tank connected to the deposition tank by a conduit.

6. (New) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the product removal mechanism is a scraper.

7. (New) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the feed mechanism comprises a hopper, a feeder and a feed tube

8. (New) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the cooling mechanism comprises a coolant circuit.

9. (New) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the substrate is disposed horizontally.

10. (New) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a vacuum pump is connected to the hopper, the deposition tank and/or the recovery tank.

11. (New) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the feed charge means comprises a hopper, a feeder and a feed tube.

12. (New) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the transfer line is equipped with a heater.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the recovery means comprises a scraper.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the conduit is equipped with a heater.--